

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action and Procedural History

Claims 1-22 are considered in the Office action.

Claims 1-12 and 14-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Thackston U.S. Patent No. 6,295,513 ("Thackston") in view of Hill U.S. Patent No. 5,970,4471 ("Hill") and Huberman U.S. Patent No. 5,826,244 ("Huberman").

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Thackston in view of Hill, Huberman and Farros et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,930,810.

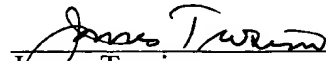
On 31 January 2006, the Board mailed a decision affirming the Examiner's rejections.

Reply

In light of the Board's decision, applicants have cancelled claims 1-22 and have added new claims 23-38. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not describe or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, applicants submit that this application, including claims 23-38, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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